

State	Designated Use Name	Designated Use Description	EPA Effective Date
AK	Fresh Water; Growth And Propagation Of Fish, Shellfish, Other Aquatic Life And Wildlife	Growth and propagation of fish, shellfish, other aquatic life and wildlife, and including harvesting for human consumption	2/27/2004
AK	Marine Water; Growth And Propagation Of Fish, Shellfish, Other Aquatic Life And Wildlife	Use of waters for the growth and propagation of fish, shellfish, other aquatic life and wildlife.	2/27/2004
CA1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Rare, Threatened, Or Endangered Species	Uses of water that support aquatic habitats necessary, at least in part, for the survival and successful maintenance of plant or animal species established under state or federal law as rare, threatened or endangered.	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Warm Freshwater Habitat	Uses of water that support warm water ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife, including invertebrates.	8/18/1994
CA1	Wetland Habitat	Uses of water that support terrestrial ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation and enhancement of terrestrial habitats, vegetation, wildlife (e.g., mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates), or wildlife water and food sources.	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Cold Freshwater Habitat	Uses of water that support cold water ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife, including invertebrates.	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,5,8,9	Estuarine Habitat	Uses of water that support estuarine ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of estuarine habitats, vegetation, fish, shellfish, or wildlife (e.g., estuarine mammals, waterfowl, shorebirds).	8/18/1994
CA1,3,4,6,9	Inland Saline Water Habitat	Uses of water that support inland saline water ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife, including invertebrates.	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,8	Marine Habitat	Uses of water that support marine ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of marine habitats, vegetation such as kelp, fish, shellfish, or wildlife (e.g., marine mammals, shorebirds).	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,5,6	Migration Of Aquatic Organisms	Uses of water that support habitats necessary for migration or other temporary activities by aquatic organisms, such as anadromous fish.	8/18/1994
CA1,3	Preservation Of Biological Habitats Of Special Significance	Includes marine life refuges, ecological reserves and areas of special biological significance, such as areas where kelp propagation and maintenance are features of the marine environment requiring special protection.	8/18/1994
CA1,2,3,4,5,6,8	Spawning, Reproduction, And/Or Early Development Areas Of Special Biological Significance	Uses of water that support high quality aquatic habitats suitable for reproduction and early development of fish.	8/18/1994
CA2,3		Areas designated by the State Water Resources Control Board.	11/13/1995
CA4,5,6,8,9	Preservation Of Biological Habitats Of Special Significance	Uses of water that support designated areas or habitats, such as established refuges, parks, sanctuaries, ecological reserves, or Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), where the preservation or enhancement of natural resources requires special protection.	2/25/1995
CA4	Wetland Habitat	Uses of water that support wetland ecosystems, including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of wetland habitats, vegetation, fish, shellfish, or wildlife, and other unique wetland functions which enhance water quality, such as providing flood and erosion control, stream bank stabilization and filtration and purification of naturally occurring contaminants.	2/25/1995
CA8	Limited Warm Freshwater Habitat	waters support warmwater ecosystems which are severely limited in diversity and abundance as the result of controlled watercourses and low, dry weather flows, which result in extreme temperature, pH, and/or dissolved oxygen conditions. Naturally reproducing finfish populations are not expected to occur in LWRM waters.	7/17/1997
CA9	Spawning, Reproduction, And/Or Early Development	Includes uses of water that support high quality aquatic habitats suitable for reproduction and early development of fish. This use is applicable only for the protection of anadromous fish.	3/12/1997
CT	Coastal and Marine Surface Waters Class SA	Habitat for marine fish, other aquatic life and wildlife; shellfish harvesting for direct human consumption where authorized; recreation; industrial water supply; and navigation.	12/17/2002
CT	Coastal and Marine Surface Waters Class SB	Habitat for marine fish, other aquatic life and wildlife; commercial shellfish harvesting where authorized; recreation; industrial water supply; and navigation.	12/17/2002
CT	Inland Surface Waters Class A	Habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife; potential drinking water supplies; recreation; and water supply for industry and agriculture.	12/17/2002
CT	Inland Surface Waters Class AA	Existing or proposed drinking water supplies; habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife; recreation; and water supply for industry and agriculture.	12/17/2002
CT	Inland Surface Waters Class B	Habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife; recreation; and industrial and agricultural water supply.	12/17/2002
DC	Fish	Protection & Propagation of Fish	11/27/2003
DC	Wildlife	Protection & Propagation of Wildlife	11/27/2003
DE	Cold Water Fish	Protection of fish species (such as from the family Salmonidae) and other flora and fauna indigenous to a cold water habitat.	11/4/2004
DE	Fish, Aquatic Life, And Wildlife	All animal and plant life found in Delaware, either indigenous or migratory, regardless of life stage or economic importance.	11/4/2004
DE	Waters Of Exceptional Recreational Or Ecological Significance	Waters which are important, unique, or sensitive from a recreational and/or ecological perspective, but which may or may not have excellent water quality. Such waters shall normally have regional significance with respect to recreational use (fishing, swimming, and boating), or have significant or widespread riverine, riparian, or wetland natural areas.	11/4/2004
FL	Class III Freshwaters	Recreation, Propagation and Maintenance of a Healthy, Well Balanced Population of Fish and Wildlife, freshwater	5/11/2006
FL	Class III Marine Waters	Recreation, Propagation and Maintenance of a Healthy, Well Balanced Population of Fish and Wildlife, marine	5/11/2006
GA	Fish - Primary Trout Water	Streams designated as Primary Trout Waters are waters supporting a self-sustaining population of Rainbow, Brown or Brook Trout.	8/5/2002
GA	Fish - Secondary Trout Water	Streams designated as Secondary Trout Streams are those with no evidence of natural trout reproduction, but are capable of supporting trout throughout the year.	8/5/2002

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HI	Class 1 a	"It is the objective of class 1 waters that these waters remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human caused source. To the extent possible, the wilderness character of these areas shall be protected. Waste discharge into these waters is prohibited. Any conduct which results in a demonstrable increase in levels of point or nonpoint source contamination in class 1 waters is prohibited. The uses to be protected in class 1.a. waters are scientific and educational purposes, protection of native breeding stock, baseline references from which human-caused changes can be measured, compatible recreation, aesthetic enjoyment, and other nondegrading uses which are compatible with the protection of the ecosystems associated with waters of this class."	10/28/2004
HI	Class 1 b	"It is the objective of class 1 waters that these waters remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human caused source. To the extent possible, the wilderness character of these areas shall be protected. Waste discharge into these waters is prohibited. Any conduct which results in a demonstrable increase in levels of point or nonpoint source contamination in class 1 waters is prohibited. The uses to be protected in class 1.b. waters are domestic water supplies, food processing, protection of native breeding stock, the support and propagation of aquatic life, baseline references from which human-caused changes can be measured, scientific and educational purposes, compatible recreation and aesthetic enjoyment."	10/28/2004
HI	Class 2	"The objective of class 2 waters is to protect their use for recreational purposes, the support and propagation of aquatic life, agricultural and industrial water supplies, shipping, and navigation. The uses to be protected in this class of waters are all uses compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class. No new treated sewage discharges shall be permitted within estuaries."	10/28/2004
HI	Class A	"It is the objective of class A waters that their use for recreational purposes and aesthetic enjoyment be protected. Any other use shall be permitted as long as it is compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class. No new industrial discharges shall be permitted within embayments (with exceptions as noted by rule)."	10/28/2004
HI	Class AA	"It is the objective of class AA waters that these waters remain in their natural pristine state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution or alteration of water quality from any human-caused source or actions. To the extent practicable, the wilderness character of these areas shall be protected. No zones of mixing shall be permitted in this class. The uses to be protected in this class of waters are oceanographic research, the support and propagation of shellfish and other marine life, conservation of coral reefs and wilderness areas, compatible recreation, and aesthetic enjoyment."	10/28/2004
HI	Class I	It is the objective of class I marine bottom ecosystems that they remain as nearly as possible in their natural pristine state with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-induced source. Uses of marine bottom ecosystems in this class are passive human uses without intervention or alteration, allowing the perpetuation and preservation of the marine bottom in a most natural state, such as for nonconsumptive scientific research (demonstration, observation or monitoring only), nonconsumptive education, aesthetic enjoyment, passive activities, and preservation.	10/28/2004
HI	Class II	It is the objective of class II marine bottom ecosystems that their use for protection including propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and for recreational purposes not be limited in any way. The uses to be protected in this class of marine bottom ecosystems are all uses compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation.	10/28/2004
ID	Cold Water Aquatic Life	Water quality appropriate for the protection and maintenance of a viable aquatic life community for cold water species.	4/5/2000
ID	Modified Aquatic Life	Water quality appropriate for an aquatic life community that is limited due to one (1) or more conditions set forth in 40 CFR 131.10(g) which preclude attainment of reference streams and conditions.	4/5/2000
ID	Salmonid Spawning	Waters which provide or could provide a habitat for active self-propagating populations of salmonid fishes.	4/5/2000
ID	Seasonal Cold Water Aquatic Life	Water quality appropriate for the protection and maintenance of a viable aquatic life community of cool and cold water species, where cold water aquatic life may be absent during, or tolerant of, seasonally warm temperatures.	4/5/2000
ID	Warm Water Aquatic Life	Water quality appropriate for the protection and maintenance of a viable aquatic life community for warm water species.	4/5/2000
ID	Wildlife Habitat	Water quality appropriate for wildlife habitats. This use applies to all surface waters of the state.	4/5/2000
MA	Class A	These waters are designated as a source of public water supply. To the extent compatible with this use they shall be an excellent habitat for fish, other aquatic life and wildlife, and suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation. These waters shall have excellent aesthetic value. These waters are designated for protection as Outstanding Resource Waters.	1/12/1993
MA	Class B	These waters are designated as a habitat for fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife, and for primary and secondary contact recreation. Where designated they shall be suitable as a source of public water supply with appropriate treatment. They shall be suitable for irrigation and other agricultural uses and for compatible industrial cooling processes. These waters shall have consistently good aesthetic value.	1/12/1993
MA	Class C	These waters are designated as a habitat for fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife, and for secondary contact recreation. These waters shall be suitable for the irrigation of crops used for consumption after cooking and for compatible industrial cooling and processing uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/12/1993
MA	Class SA	These waters are designated as an excellent habitat for fish, other aquatic life and wildlife and for primary and secondary contact recreation. In approved areas they shall be suitable for shellfish harvesting without depuration (Open Shellfish Areas). These waters shall have excellent aesthetic value.	1/12/1993
MA	Class SB	These waters are designated as a habitat for fish, other aquatic life and wildlife and for primary and secondary contact recreation. In approved areas they shall be suitable for shellfish harvesting with depuration (Restricted Shellfish Areas). These waters shall have consistently good aesthetic value.	1/12/1993
MA	Class SC	These waters are designated as a habitat for fish, other aquatic life and wildlife, and for secondary contact recreation. They shall also be suitable for certain industrial cooling and process uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/12/1993
MD	Use I	Water Contact Recreation, and Protection of Nontidal Warmwater Aquatic Life.	5/24/2005
MD	Use I-P	Water Contact Recreation, Protection of Aquatic Life, and Public Water Supply.	5/24/2005
MD	Use II	Support of Estuarine and Marine Aquatic Life and Shellfish Harvesting.	5/24/2005
MD	Use II-CB	Support of Estuarine and Marine Aquatic Life and Shellfish Harvesting-Chesapeake Bay	5/24/2005
MD	Use IV	Recreational Trout Waters	5/24/2005

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MD	Use IV-P	Recreational Trout Waters and Public Water Supply	5/24/2005
ME	Class A	Class A shall be the second highest fresh surface water classification. Class A waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water after disinfection; fishing; recreation in and on the water; industrial process and cooling water supply; hydroelectric power generation, except as prohibited under Title 12, section 403; and navigation; and as habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The habitat shall be characterized as natural.	5/17/2000
ME	Class AA	Class AA shall be the highest fresh surface water classification and shall be applied to waters which are outstanding natural resources and which should be preserved because of their ecological, social, scenic or recreational importance. Class AA waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water after disinfection, fishing, recreation in and on the water and navigation and as habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The habitat shall be characterized as free flowing and natural.	5/17/2000
ME	Class B	Class B shall be the third highest fresh surface water classification. Class B waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water supply after treatment; fishing; recreation in and on the water; industrial process and cooling water supply; hydroelectric power generation, except as prohibited under Title 12, section 403; and navigation; and as habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The habitat shall be characterized as unimpaired.	5/17/2000
ME	Class C	Class C shall be the fourth highest fresh surface water classification. Class C waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water supply after treatment; fishing; recreation in and on the water; industrial process and cooling water supply; hydroelectric power generation, except as prohibited under Title 12, section 403; and navigation; and as a habitat for fish and other aquatic life.	5/17/2000
ME	Class GPA	Class GPA shall be the sole classification of great ponds and natural ponds and lakes less than 10 acres in size. Class GPA waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of drinking water after disinfection, recreation in and on the water, fishing, industrial process and cooling water supply, hydroelectric power generation and navigation and as habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The habitat shall be characterized as natural. [1985, c. 698, § 15 (new).]	5/17/2000
ME	Class SA	Class SA shall be the highest estuarine and marine waters classification and shall be applied to waters which are outstanding natural resources and which should be preserved because of their ecological, social, scenic, economic or recreational importance. Class SA waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of recreation in and on the water, fishing, aquaculture, propagation and harvesting of shellfish and navigation and as habitat for fish and other estuarine and marine life. The habitat shall be characterized as free-flowing and natural.	5/17/2000
ME	Class SB	Class SB shall be the second highest estuarine and marine waters classification. Class SB waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of recreation in and on the water, fishing, aquaculture, propagation and harvesting of shellfish, industrial process and cooling water supply, hydroelectric power generation and navigation and as habitat for fish and other estuarine and marine life. The habitat shall be characterized as unimpaired.	5/17/2000
ME	Class SC	Class SC shall be the third highest estuarine and marine waters classification. Class SC waters shall be of such quality that they are suitable for recreation in and on the water, fishing, aquaculture, propagation and restricted harvesting of shellfish, industrial process and cooling water supply, hydroelectric power generation and navigation and as a habitat for fish and other estuarine and marine life.	5/17/2000
MS	Ephemeral Stream	Waters do not support a fisheries resource, human consumption or aquatic life. Ephemeral streams normally are natural watercourses, including watercourses modified by channelization or manmade drainage ditches, that without influent of point source discharges flow only in direct response to precipitation or irrigation return-water discharge in immediate vicinity and whose channels are normally above groundwater table. These streams may contain a transient population of aquatic life during portion of year when there is suitable habitat for fish survival. Normally, aquatic habitat in these streams is not adequate to support a reproductive cycle for fish and other aquatic life. Wetlands are excluded from this classification.	6/27/2003
MS	Fish And Wildlife	Waters in this classification are intended for fishing and for propagation of fish, aquatic life, and wildlife. Waters that meet the Fish and Wildlife Criteria shall also be suitable for secondary contact recreation. Secondary contact recreation is defined as incidental contact with the water during activities such as wading, fishing and boating, that are not likely to result in full body immersion.	6/27/2003
MS	Primary Contact Recreation	The quality of waters in this classification are to be suitable for recreational purposes, including such water contact activities as swimming and water skiing.	6/27/2003
NC	Fresh Waters Class B	Primary recreation and any other usage specified by the C" classification."	10/3/2003
NC	Fresh Waters Class C	Aquatic Life propagation and survival, fishing, wildlife, secondary recreation, and agriculture.	10/3/2003
NC	Tidal Salt Waters Class SA	Shellfishing for market purposes and any other usage specified by the SB" and "SC" classification."	10/3/2003
NC	Tidal Salt Waters Class SB	Primary recreation and any other usage specified by the SC" classification."	10/3/2003
NC	Tidal Salt Waters Class SC	Aquatic life propagation and survival, fishing, wildlife, and secondary recreation.	10/3/2003
NH	Class A	Class A waters shall be of the highest quality and shall contain not more than either a geometric mean based on at least 3 samples obtained over a 60-day period of 47 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters, or greater than 153 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters in any one sample; and for designated beach areas shall contain not more than a geometric mean based on at least 3 samples obtained over a 60-day period of 47 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters, or 88 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters in any one sample; unless naturally occurring. There shall be no discharge of any sewage or wastes into waters of this classification. The waters of this classification shall be considered as being potentially acceptable for water supply uses after adequate treatment.	12/10/1999
NH	Class B (Fresh Waters)	Class B waters shall be of the second highest quality and shall have no objectionable physical characteristics, shall contain a dissolved oxygen content of at least 75 percent of saturation, and shall contain not more than either a geometric mean based on at least 3 samples obtained over a 60-day period of 126 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters or greater than 406 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters in any one sample; and for designated beach areas shall contain not more than a geometric mean based on at least 3 samples obtained over a 60-day period of 47 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters, or 88 Escherichia coli per 100 milliliters in any one sample; unless naturally occurring. There shall be no disposal of sewage or waste into said waters except those, which have received adequate treatment to prevent the lowering of the biological, physical, chemical or bacteriological characteristics below those given above, nor shall such disposal of sewage or waste be inimical to aquatic life or to the maintenance of aquatic life in said receiving waters. The pH range for said waters shall be 6.5 to 8.0 except when due to natural causes.	12/10/1999

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NH	Class B (Temporary Partial Use)	Where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department that the class B criteria cannot reasonably be met in certain surface waters at all times as a result of combined sewer overflow events, temporary partial use areas shall be established by rules adopted under RSA 485-A:6, XI-c, which meet, as a minimum, the standards specified in paragraph III. (RSA 485-A:8,III) The waters in temporary partial use areas established under paragraph II shall be free from slick, odors, turbidity, sludge deposits, and surface-floating solids of unreasonable kind or quantity, shall contain not less than 5 parts per million of dissolved oxygen; shall have a hydrogen ion concentration within the range of pH 6.0 to 9.0 except when due to natural causes; and shall be free from chemicals and other materials and conditions inimical to aquatic life or the maintenance of aquatic life. These criteria shall apply during combined sewer overflow discharges and up to 3 days following cessation of said discharge. At all other times the standards and uses specified in "Class B" shall apply.	12/10/1999
NH	Class B (Tidal Waters)	"Same as for Class B (Fresh Waters) with the following exceptions: 1) The use of drinking water after adequate treatment is not a use which is currently applied to tidal waters, and 2) the bacteria requirements for tidal waters utilized for swimming purposes are no more than either a geometric mean based on at least 3 samples obtained over a 60-day period of 35 enterococci per 100 milliliters, or 104 enterococci per 100 milliliters in any one sample, unless naturally occurring. Those tidal waters used for growing or taking of shellfish for human consumption shall, in addition to the foregoing requirements, be in accordance with the criteria recommended under the National Shellfish Program Manual of Operation, United States Department of Food and Drug Administration. "	12/10/1999
NJ	Fresh Water 1	FW1 means those fresh waters, as designated in N.J.A.C. 7:9B-1.15(h) Table 6, that are to be maintained in their natural state of quality (set aside for posterity) and not subjected to any man-made wastewater discharges or increases in runoff from anthropogenic activities. These waters are set aside for posterity because of their clarity, color, scenic setting, other characteristic of aesthetic value, unique ecological significance, or exceptional fisheries resource(s).	10/1/2006
NJ	Fresh Water 2 Non-Trout Waters	The general surface water classification applied to those fresh waters that are not designated as FW1 or Pinelands Waters. These waters are also generally not suitable for trout because of their physical, chemical, or biological characteristics, but are suitable for a wide variety of other species.	10/1/2006
NJ	Fresh Water 2 Trout Maintenance	The general surface water classification applied to those fresh waters that are not designated as FW1 or Pinelands Waters. These waters have been designated to support trout throughout the year.	10/1/2006
NJ	Fresh Water 2 Trout Production	The general surface water classification applied to those fresh waters that are not designated as FW1 or Pinelands Waters. These waters have been designated for use by trout for spawning or nursery purposes during their first summer.	10/1/2006
NJ	Saline Waters of Estuaries 1	Estuarine waters, with a salinity greater than 3.5 parts per thousand at mean high tide, whose designated uses are: shellfish harvesting in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12; maintenance, migration and propagation of the natural and established biota; primary and secondary contact recreation; and any other reasonable uses.	10/1/2006
NJ	Saline Waters of Estuaries 2	Estuarine waters, with a salinity greater than 3.5 parts per thousand at mean high tide, whose designated uses are: maintenance, migration and propagation of the natural and established biota; migration of diadromous fish; maintenance of wildlife; secondary contact recreation; and any other reasonable uses.	10/1/2006
NJ	Saline Waters of Estuaries 3	Estuarine waters, with a salinity greater than 3.5 parts per thousand at mean high tide, whose designated uses are: maintenance and migration of fish populations; migration of diadromous fish; maintenance of wildlife; secondary contact recreation; and any other reasonable uses.	10/1/2006
NY	Class A	"(a) The best usages of Class A waters are: a source of water supply for drinking, culinary or food processing purposes; primary and secondary contact recreation; and fishing. The waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival. (b) This classification may be given to those waters that, if subjected to approved treatment equal to coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection, with additional treatment if necessary to reduce naturally present impurities, meet or will meet New York State Department of Health drinking water standards and are or will be considered safe and satisfactory for drinking water purposes. "	7/16/1999
NY	Class A-S	"(a) The best usages of Class A-S waters are: a source of water supply for drinking, culinary or food processing purposes; primary and secondary contact recreation; and fishing. The waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival. (b) This classification may be given to those international boundary waters that, if subjected to approved treatment, equal to coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection with additional treatment, if necessary, to reduce naturally present impurities, meet or will meet New York State Department of Health drinking water standards and are or will be considered safe and satisfactory for drinking water purposes. "	7/16/1999
NY	Class AA	"(a) The best usages of Class AA waters are: a source of water supply for drinking, culinary or food processing purposes; primary and secondary contact recreation; and fishing. The waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival. (b) This classification may be given to those waters that, if subjected to approved disinfection treatment, with additional treatment if necessary to remove naturally present impurities, meet or will meet New York State Department of Health drinking water standards and are or will be considered safe and satisfactory for drinking water purposes. "	7/16/1999
NY	Class AA-S	"(a) The best usages of Class AA-S waters are: a source of water supply for drinking, culinary or food processing purposes; primary and secondary contact recreation; and fishing. The waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival. "	7/16/1999
NY	Class B	The best usages of Class B waters are primary and secondary contact recreation and fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival.	7/16/1999
NY	Class C	The best usage of Class C waters is fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival. The water quality shall be suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, although other factors may limit the use for these purposes.	7/16/1999
NY	Class D	The best usage of Class D waters is fishing. Due to such natural conditions as intermittency of flow, water conditions not conducive to propagation of game fishery, or stream bed conditions, the waters will not support fish propagation. These waters shall be suitable for fish survival. The water quality shall be suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, although other factors may limit the use for these purposes.	7/16/1999
NY	Class I	The best usages of Class I waters are secondary contact recreation and fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival.	7/16/1999
NY	Class N	"(a) The best usages of Class N waters are the enjoyment of water in its natural condition and, where compatible, as a source of water for drinking or culinary purposes, bathing, fishing, fish propagation, and recreation. "	7/16/1999
NY	Class SA	The best usages of Class SA waters are shellfishing for market purposes, primary and secondary contact recreation and fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival.	7/16/1999
NY	Class SB	The best usages of Class SB waters are primary and secondary contact recreation and fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish propagation and survival.	7/16/1999

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NY	Class SC	The best usage of Class SC waters is fishing. These waters shall be for fish propagation and survival. The water quality shall be suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, although other factors may limit the use for these purposes.	7/16/1999
NY	Class SD	The best usage of Class SD waters is fishing. These waters shall be suitable for fish survival. This classification may be given to those waters that, because of natural or man-made conditions, cannot meet the requirements for primary and secondary contact recreation and fish propagation.	7/16/1999
OR	Fish And Aquatic Life	Conservation, maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and fish life, wildlife, fish and wildlife habitat and any other ecological values.	3/2/2004
OR	Wildlife And Hunting	The purpose or benefit to be derived from a water body is designated for wildlife and hunting.	3/2/2004
PR	Class SA	Coastal waters and estuarine waters of high quality and/or exceptional ecological or recreational value whose existing characteristics shall not be altered, except by natural causes, in order to preserve the existing natural phenomena.	6/26/2003
PR	Class SB	Coastal waters and estuarine waters intended for use in primary and secondary contact recreation, and for propagation and preservation of desirable species, including threatened or endangered species.	6/26/2003
PR	Class SC	Coastal waters intended for uses where the human body may come in indirect contact with the water (such as fishing, boating, etc.), and for use in propagation and preservation of desirable species, including threatened or endangered species. In March 2004, EPA issued a Federal Rule which assigned primary contact recreation as an acceptable use for this class, and applied the bacteriological criteria for Class SB to Class SC waters to protect for this use.	6/26/2003
PR	Class SD	Surface waters intended for use as a raw source of public water supply, propagation and preservation of desirable species, including threatened or endangered species, as well as primary and secondary contact recreation. Primary contact recreation is precluded in any stream or segment that does not comply with Section 3.2.4(B)12 of this Article until such stream or segment meets the goal of the referred section.	6/26/2003
PR	Class SE	Surface waters and wetlands of exceptional ecological value, whose existing characteristics should not be altered in order to preserve the existing natural phenomena.	6/26/2003
RI	Class A	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and for fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have excellent aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class AA	These waters are designated as a source of public drinking water supply (PDWS) or as tributary waters within a public drinking water supply watershed (the terminal reservoir of the PDWS are identified in Appendix A), for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and for fish and wildlife habitat. These waters shall have excellent aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class B	These waters are designated for fish and wildlife habitat and primary and secondary contact recreational activities. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class B1	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. Primary contact recreational activities may be impacted due to pathogens from approved wastewater discharges. However all Class B criteria must be met.	1/4/2007
RI	Class B1(a)	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. Primary contact recreational activities may be impacted due to pathogens from approved wastewater discharges. However all Class B criteria must be met. These waters will likely be impacted by combined sewer overflows in accordance with approved CSO Facilities Plans and in compliance with Rule 19.E.1 of the Water Quality Regulations and the Rhode Island CSO Policy. Therefore, primary contact recreational activities; shellfishing uses; and fish and wildlife habitat will likely be restricted.	1/4/2007
RI	Class B(a)	These waters are designated for fish and wildlife habitat and primary and secondary contact recreational activities. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. These waters will likely be impacted by combined sewer overflows in accordance with approved CSO Facilities Plans and in compliance with Rule 19.E.1 of the Water Quality Regulations and the Rhode Island CSO Policy. Therefore, primary contact recreational activities; shellfishing uses; and fish and wildlife habitat will likely be restricted.	1/4/2007
RI	Class C	These waters are designated for secondary contact recreational activities and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These water shall have good aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SA	These waters are designated for shellfish harvesting for direct human consumption, primary and secondary contact recreational activities, and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SA(b)	These waters are designated for shellfish harvesting for direct human consumption, primary and secondary contact recreational activities, and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. These waters are in the vicinity of marinas and/or mooring fields and therefore seasonal shellfishing closures will likely be required as listed in the most recent (revised annually) RIDEM document entitled Shellfish Closure Areas, however, all Class SA criteria must be attained.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SB	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities; shellfish harvesting for controlled relay and depuration; and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SB1	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. Primary contact recreational activities may be impacted due to pathogens from approved wastewater discharges. However all Class SB criteria must be met.	1/4/2007

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RI	Class SB1(a)	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. Primary contact recreational activities may be impacted due to pathogens from approved wastewater discharges. However all Class SB criteria must be met. These waters will likely be impacted by combined sewer overflows in accordance with approved CSO Facilities Plans and in compliance with Rule 19.E.1 of the Water Quality Regulations and the Rhode Island CSO Policy. Therefore, primary contact recreational activities; shellfishing uses; and fish and wildlife habitat will likely be restricted.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SB(a)	These waters are designated for primary and secondary contact recreational activities; shellfish harvesting for controlled relay and depuration; and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. These waters will likely be impacted by combined sewer overflows in accordance with approved CSO Facilities Plans and in compliance with Rule 19.E.1 of the Water Quality Regulations and the Rhode Island CSO Policy. Therefore, primary contact recreational activities; shellfishing uses; and fish and wildlife habitat will likely be restricted.	1/4/2007
RI	Class SC	These waters are designated for secondary contact recreational activities, and fish and wildlife habitat. They shall be suitable for aquacultural uses, navigation, and industrial cooling. These waters shall have good aesthetic value.	1/4/2007
SC	Class SA	Tidal saltwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, crabbing, and fishing, except harvesting of clams, mussels, or oysters for market purposes or human consumption and uses listed in Class SB. Also suitable for the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of marine fauna and flora.	10/7/2004
SC	Class SB	Tidal saltwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, crabbing, and fishing, except harvesting of clams, mussels, or oysters for market purposes or human consumption. Also, suitable for the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of marine fauna and flora.	10/7/2004
SC	Freshwaters	Freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Freshwaters with Special Provisions	Freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. May have certain provisions to these uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Outstanding National Resource Waters	Freshwaters or saltwaters which constitute an outstanding national recreational or ecological resource.	10/7/2004
SC	Outstanding Resource Waters	Freshwaters or saltwaters which constitute an outstanding recreational or ecological resource or those freshwaters suitable as a source for drinking water supply purposes with treatment levels specified by the Department.	10/7/2004
SC	Shellfish Harvesting Waters	Tidal saltwaters protected for shellfish harvesting and uses listed in Class SA and SB. Suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, crabbing, and fishing. Also suitable for the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of marine fauna and flora.	10/7/2004
SC	Tidal Saltwaters (SA) with Special Provisions	Tidal saltwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation. Suitable also for uses listed in Class SB with the same exception. May have certain provisions to these uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Tidal Saltwaters (SB) with Special Provisions	Tidal saltwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation, crabbing, and fishing, except harvesting of clams, mussels, or oysters for market purposes or human consumption. Also, suitable for the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of marine fauna and flora. May have certain provisions to these uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Trout Waters Natural	Freshwaters suitable for supporting reproducing trout populations and a cold water balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Also suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Trout Waters Put and Take	Freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. The standards of Freshwaters classification protect these uses.	10/7/2004
SC	Trout Waters Put, Grow, and Take	Freshwaters suitable for supporting growth of stocked trout populations and a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Also suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses.	10/7/2004
TX	Exceptional Aquatic Life	Aquatic Life Use Subcategory: Exceptional. Habitat Characteristics: outstanding natural variability. Species Assemblage: exceptional or unusual. Sensitive Species: abundant. Diversity: exceptionally high. Species Richness: exceptionally high. Trophic Structure: balanced.	12/15/2006
TX	High Aquatic Life	Aquatic Life Use Subcategory: High. Habitat Characteristics: highly diverse. Species Assemblage: usual association of regionally expected species. Sensitive Species: present. Diversity: high. Species Richness: high. Trophic Structure: balanced to slightly imbalanced.	12/15/2006
TX	Intermediate Aquatic Life	Aquatic Life Use Subcategory: Intermediate. Habitat Characteristics: moderately diverse. Species Assemblage: some expected species. Sensitive Species: very low in abundance. Diversity: moderate. Species Richness: moderate. Trophic Structure: moderately imbalanced.	12/15/2006
TX	Limited Aquatic Life	Aquatic Life Use Subcategory: Limited. Habitat Characteristics: uniform. Species Assemblage: most regionally expected species absent. Sensitive Species: absent. Diversity: low. Species Richness: low. Trophic Structure: severely imbalanced.	12/15/2006
TX	Oyster Aquatic Life	Oyster waters should be maintained so that concentrations of toxic materials do not cause edible species of clams, oysters, and mussels to exceed accepted guidelines for the protection of public health. Guidelines are provided by U.S. Food and Drug Administration Action Levels for molluscan shellfish.	12/15/2006
TX	Presumed High Aquatic Life	Unclassified waterbodies with aquatic life--perennial streams, rivers, lakes, bays, estuaries, and other appropriate perennial waters which are not specifically listed in Texas Water Quality Standards--are presumed to have a high aquatic life use. Upon administrative or regulatory action by the commission which affects a particular unclassified waterbody, the characteristics of the affected waterbody will be reviewed to determine which aquatic life uses are appropriate.	12/15/2006
VA	Class V	Stockable Trout Waters	12/20/2005

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VA	Class VI	Natural Trout Waters	12/20/2005
WA	Core Summer Salmonid Habitat	Core summer habitat. The key identifying characteristics of this use are summer (June 15 - September 15) salmonid spawning or emergence, or adult holding; use as important summer rearing habitat by one or more salmonids; or foraging by adult and subadult native char. Other common characteristic aquatic life uses for waters in this category include spawning outside of the summer season, rearing, and migration by salmonids.	12/21/2006

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WA	Char Spawning And Rearing	Char spawning and rearing. The key identifying characteristics of this use are spawning or early juvenile rearing by native char (bull trout and Dolly Varden), or use by other aquatic species similarly dependent on such cold water. Other common characteristic aquatic life uses for waters in this category include summer foraging and migration of native char; and spawning, rearing, and migration by other salmonid species.	12/21/2006
WA	Excellent Quality	Excellent quality salmonid and other fish migration, rearing, and spawning; clam, oyster, and mussel rearing and spawning; crustaceans and other shellfish (crabs, shrimp, crayfish, scallops, etc.) rearing and spawning. (Marine Waters Only)	12/21/2006
WA	Extraordinary Quality	Extraordinary quality salmonid and other fish migration, rearing, and spawning; clam, oyster, and mussel rearing and spawning; crustaceans and other shellfish (crabs, shrimp, crayfish, scallops, etc.) rearing and spawning. (Marine Waters Only)	12/21/2006
WA	Fair	Fair quality salmonid and other fish migration. (Marine Waters Only)	12/21/2006
WA	Good Quality	Good quality salmonid migration and rearing; other fish migration, rearing, and spawning; clam, oyster, and mussel rearing and spawning; crustaceans and other shellfish (crabs, shrimp, crayfish, scallops, etc.) rearing and spawning. (Marine Waters Only)	12/21/2006
WA	Indigenous Warm Water Species	Indigenous warm water species. For the protection of waters where the dominant species under natural conditions would be temperature tolerant indigenous nonsalmonid species. Examples include dace, redband shiner, chiselmouth, sucker, and northern pikeminnow.	12/21/2006
WA	Non-Anadromous Interior Redband Trout	Non-anadromous interior redband trout. For the protection of waters where the only trout species is a non-anadromous form of self-reproducing interior redband trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> ), and other associated aquatic life.	12/21/2006
WA	Salmon And Trout Rearing And Migration Only	Salmon and trout rearing and migration only. The key identifying characteristic of this use is use only for rearing or migration by salmonids (not used for spawning).	12/21/2006
WA	Salmonid Spawning, Rearing, And Migration	Salmonid spawning, rearing, and migration. The key identifying characteristic of this use is salmon or trout spawning and emergence that only occurs outside of the summer season (September 16 - June 14). Other common characteristic aquatic life uses for waters in this category include rearing and migration by salmonids.	12/21/2006
WA	Wildlife Habitat	Waters of the state used by, or that directly or indirectly provide food support to, fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife for any life history stage or activity.	12/21/2006